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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos.

Part B for *November 1892*

SUBJECT.

*Memorial of the inhabitants of Band M
Station regarding Genl. Fischer's Hebbal Sch*

*Indexed
— J.M.*

To

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE MOST HONORABLE

Sir Henry Charles Keith Petty Fitzmaurice,

MARQUIS OF LANSDOWNE,

G. M. S. I., G. C. M. G., G. M. I. E &c.,

Viceroy and Governor General of India,

CALCUTTA.

THE HUMBLE MEMORIAL OF THE UNDERSIGNED
INHABITANTS OF THE CIVIL AND MILITARY
STATION OF BANGALORE IN THE PROVINCE
OF MYSORE.

Humbly Sheweth:

AT Your Memorialists have just learnt with great astonishment that Col. Bowen, R. E., has prepared the Hebbal project for the Mysore Government for the use of the Pettah only: as this officer had assumed the Madras Government through Col. Hasted R. E., that the catchment of this tank was only 5 square miles and quite insufficient for any Water-supply purposes; as he had sent through the Dewan and the British Resident a Memo to the same effect to the Government of India; as he had sat on a Committee with the late Sir O. St. John, R. E., and condemned the Hebbal project on similar grounds, it is quite evident from his present action that all this opposition was merely got up to mislead and delude the Government of India; to deprive this station of the best and most economical project ever proposed for its Water-supply; and originally prepared for its Municipality, and it is estimated that a loss of no less than 100 lacs of Rupees has been thus wantonly inflicted on Her Majesty's subjects in this station by this action of the Mysore Durbar and its officials.

2. That Capt. Romilly states in his report, as follows "no information regarding the "waste weir discharges of these tanks was procurable from the Mysore Department of Public Works"—and as these tanks are situated in the immediate vicinity of this station, it is quite apparent that Col. Bowen's allegations against the Hebbal project were based on nothing but mere guess-work in order to secure this project for the Mysore Government, leaving Her Majesty's subjects in this station to get any Water-supply they could at most moderate and unnecessary expense, as also the Troops.

3. That Col. Grant of the Revenue Survey has prepared a statement demanding upwards of 4 lacs of Rupees as compensation for the Hebbal catchment, and in the Municipal Office of this station there is a statement prepared for the Board by its Executive-Engineer in communication with the Amildar of this Taluq in which a sum of Rupees 1,71,000 only is demanded for compensation, Your Memorialist pray that Your Lordship in Council will be pleased to have this matter very fully enquired into before any further taxation is imposed on Her Majesty's subjects in this station.

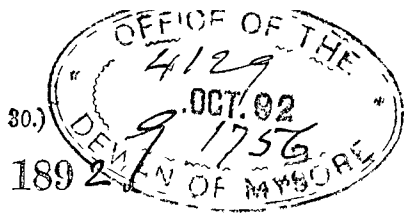
4. That as it is now quite apparent from the action of the Mysore Durbar and its own officials that General Fischer's project as prepared originally for this Municipality will effect every purpose in the most economical manner possible for the benefit of the whole population, as well as the Troops, Your Memorialists most humbly and respectfully solicit Your Lordship will be pleased to sanction the carrying out of this project as proposed in the Government of India letter, of the 19th March 1888, No. 615, M. W., by this Municipality, particularly as Genl. Fischer has now a seat on the Board, and the rate and tax-payers feel sure he will afford the Government and themselves the benefit of his great experience in establishing this project in the most satisfactory manner, as he did for the Godavery and other larger projects.

And Your Memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray

This has been
without any consulting
letter. Shown to
Place on Water Supply
file 11/10/92
+ from Water Supply

Mem 4-98

(General Serial No. 30.)



From

The 1st Asst to the Resident

To

The Dewan of Mysore.
~~The Chief Secretary~~

Dated 24-10-92

Despatched

Received 24/10/92. 5-30 PM

Enclosures No.

General No. 3424

No. 28-88

Enquiring whether there
is any truth in the statement
that Hebbal water supply
project is intended for the
Petta only.

No: 5608
E, 1378-92

Transferred to the
Secretary D.M.V.

B.O.

Mr. Narayana Rao

24th Oct/92 Under Secy

Mund 9-92-2

②
No. $\frac{3424}{28.88}$

FROM

THE FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

TO

the Dewan of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 24th October 189.

SIR,

In a recent memorial to His Excellency the Viceroy from certain inhabitants of the Civil and Military Station it is stated that Colonel Bowen R. N., has ordered the mesoal ~~project~~ ^{project} for a Water Supply for the Mysore Government for the use of the Pettan only.

2. I am directed to enquire whether there is any truth in the statement. An early reply is requested.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



First Assistant to the Resident

One
class.

INDIAN TELEGRAPHS

Monthly
Number.

Office Words				From (Office)	
Day	Hour	Minute	Official Instructions		

Person

From

Telegram

To Bangalore From Mysore
To Col. McNeil Campbell From Duran
Secretary Public Works.

Ordinary

Assistant Residents 3424 of
24th. Send papers on recent action
Kabbal project with draft reply
if possible.

26/10/92 }
7.15 A.M. }

A copy of the Memorial sent by with
A. letter to the Secty D.P.W.

Also a D.O. to Col. Grant - with
copy of Memorial - asking him to send
statement of the facts and what
reply he would suggest.

Mysore ^{all} 26/10/92

Mum 4-92

Mysore
26/10/92

Dear Sir,

Referring to Dr. Ambedkar's
telegram to you of this day
regarding the Kabbal Water
Supply project for Bangalore
I beg to send herewith a
copy of the Memorial and
to have been sent to the
Government of India

by the inhabitants of the
Civil and Military Station
of Bangalore.

I remain
Dear Sir
Yours truly
L. Ananta Saheb Rao
Hindu Secretary

Colonel J. McNeil Campbell RE
Hr Hr

MYSORE P. W. DEPT.

TO THE DEWAN OF MYSORE

for Information.

Mem 4-92

With reference to your letter of this date, I enclose draft of the reply already sent to the Asst Resident's reference about the Kebbale project. vide n^o 4730/787 dated 25.10.1922. I did not consider it necessary to refer the matter to you in the first instance as this office was in a position to answer the Asst Resident's query.

" I return by today's post, your notes on the Bangalore Water Supply, accompanied by a report on the subject by the Co. Engineer Bangalore Dist., and a memo. by me -

of 10/10/22

See D.O. of today 31.10.92.

This report & memo are on file n^o 2 as

Papers n^o 6 & 7 -

12.9.93.

J. H. Lambell

St. C. M.

Sey: to Govt. of Mysore P.W.D.

26/10/92.

Enclosure No (6)

1892/93

MYSORE P W DEPARTMENT

Mund 4-92

No. $\frac{4730}{487}$

From

The Secretary to the Government
of Mysore,

To

The 1st Asst. to the
Resident in Mysore -

Dated Bangalore, 25th October 1892

Despatched

Enclosure No.

Subject.

Sir,

In reply to your letter
no. 3424, '28-88 2' 24 instants,
I have the honor to inform
as far as this office is aware of,
you that there is no truth
in the statement that Col.
Barrow prepared the Hebbal
project for a water supply
for the Petlak.

W. G.

Asst. Secy -

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26/10/92

My dear Col Campbell

Some time last year I indicated

Our estimate in writing (either to the Bangalore Mum's or the DMS or both) the improvements required to the Dharmambudhi Tank feeder. I and Col Bowen went over the greater part of the feeder with the Dps Comd, ^{Mr Muthaiah Rao} accompanying us. It was then decided that the DMS should take the whole work in hand & make a good permanent job of it, instead of the Mum's dealing with it in a spasmodic half hearted fashion. I afterwards heard that the E.E. Bangalore Division was waiting for the advent of the monsoon which would make the Earth work easier. The S.W. has come & gone & the N.E. will soon go also. Though a good deal of rain has fallen the Dharmambudhi has received no water. I am informed that this is due to the channel being choked up with weeds preventing the free flow of water. It is rather surprising

Dear
 Mr. Wm. A.
 Lloyd
 of Paris
 Dear brother people

You have doubtless ^{seen} ~~read~~ a copy

The Wilkerson Memorial of the Socie
Station Citizens aft. Col. Bowen in
Connected with the Hebbal Scheme

Mr. Scaddwell will tell you all
has been done - entirely at my instigation
Let him put the whole in a very
brief memo. To the best of my
recollection I directed ~~Dr.~~ Dennis
the investigation of the possibility
of adding more Catchment to
Santay's - called for certain
information as regards Catchment

water spread etc. of Heblat, and of
certain tanks across the Arkavati.

Mr Scaddwell showed me some figures

I thought further investigation necessary
regarding Herargatta, but gave up all idea of using Hebbul
there the matter rests. Poor General

Fisher thinks Col. Bowen robbed the Hebridean
scheme for the Petta. I am not aware of.

"I know where the house are now, the address north of 173
 crossing the river, the house there, a beautiful & comfortable
 - But of course, I believe, you had no trouble in the city
 and back home. I shall be long, the first, in return please
 to write me, I will be happy to report well
 and to be long, I will be long, I will be long.

[Handwritten signature]

1841

Wm. L. G. S. S.

24 Sept 1944

The papers are prepared and in order for
 the papers were submitted with the
 24, 465 of 27-28-1909
 575
 The card will
 27-28-1909

*Old papers
the paper*

Herrn
Herrn

no. 4799 7/28/1902
Urgent

Meml H, 92

Bangalore

27th October 1892

Dear Sir

I hasten to reply to your letter of 26th instant, enclosing copy of a Memorial sent to the Government of India by certain inhabitants of the Camp M Station of Bangalore, regarding the Hebbal Water supply. First of all, as regards the State-
-ment that I have ~~proposed~~ ^{prepared} a statement showing 4 lakhs of Rupees as compensation for the Hebbal Catchment, I beg to observe that I did prepare such a Statement at the request of the Resident and also, at Capt Ward's request; I prepared a similar statement of compensation for what I believe is called the Magadi Scheme. I have not the record

me but the amounts of Compensation for the two schemes were to the best of my recollection $4\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs Shebbal, $2\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs Magadi. My estimates were based upon actual area of the Catchment in each case, as furnished me by Capt Ward, upon the details of assessed and unassessed land and upon my knowledge of the ordinary selling price of land in the localities concerned. I believe, in fact I know, that Capt Ward entered my estimates in his Reports upon the various schemes. I regard the estimate of Rs 1,71,000 by the Board for Shebbal Scheme as erroneous and unsafe.

On the other points asserted in the Memorial I am not in a position to state anything positively, all the information.

refuting them, will I feel sure be
in the Dewan's possession. I
can only say that Capt. Ward
kindly let me look at his report
on the various schemes and I
observed no partiality whatever,
but the most simple and straight-
-forward statement of facts pos-
-sible. I observe that the First
Assistant Resident in his letter
asks if there is any truth in the
Statement that Col. Bowen has
prepared the Hebbal project for
a water supply for the Mysore Govt.
for the use of the Petta only. I know
nothing of this, indeed, had the Resi-
-dent not asked me to furnish an
estimate of Compensation likely
to be required for the Hebbal
Scheme, I should not have been
in a position to know anything
of what had transpired beyond
what was known to the Public Servants.

I believe my estimates of Compensation, likely to be required, to be as accurate as possible at the present stage of Proceedings. Of course I am in no way answerable for the Catchment shown. I only projected the Catchment, ~~as~~ supplied by Capt. Ward, upon our Survey maps and worked out the details as the basis of Compensation. There was no guess-work about the area and the rates of Compensation were based upon what could be learned regarding the ^{ordinary} of land. My calculations I

can be all be found in the Office. The whole drift, the Memorial is to imply that the Off- of the Tripone Govt were opposed the Shebbal project, presumably in ~~case~~ of one of the other two projects, that they did all they could to discredit on the first named

the suggestion is ludicrous and I
have no doubt equally ludicrous as
regards the charges made against
Col Bowen.

Yours sincerely,
Sgt. J. P. Grant
Sup^t Rev. Survey.

To
The Under Secretary to
the Dewan—

P.S. The Resident Col Henderson, with
I have no doubt fully recall to mind
the circumstances under which he
asked me to give him some idea of
the compensation likely to be required
to be paid for the Hebbal Project.
So the best of my recollection he felt
it unsafe to deal with so important
a matter whilst he was quite in the
dark as to the important item of Comp^{en}-
-sation, so many conflicting estimates
having been made. J . . P.

regalae
29th Oct

Monday 9th

My dear Seaman

Your 80 of 26th asking me to
let you have a draft copy to the
Reservoir regarding the Herbert
Plan.

I find it impossible to draft a
reply as you I'm on the subject
as well as all the other papers
are with you. I however give what
Mr. Stoddard has written about
it, which is below. The direction
given is to assist the investigation
of the possibility of increasing the
~~existing~~ ^{existing} capacity of the
reservoir, and on this being found
impracticable a project for a supplementary
supply (Manchester tank improvement)
has been investigated which proved to be of
little use. Plans in connection with
the latter project were shown to the
Seaman, and the project as also the
Herbert scheme were proposed with

regard the other project
discussed in the presence of Mr.
Ricketts, Mahadave Rao, Mr. & Mr. M.
The Sewer information that he
considered the Harwar-shaller project
the only one that could be relied
on, but stated he would like to
have an idea of the approximate
cost of raising the bund at Hill,
tunnels to compare with cost of
line of piping from Harwar-shaller
to the Ch. and was very in

frustrated the information plans
submitted with the other report
the project and cost of raising
bund was estimated in regard
in which also the feasibility of
increasing the Catchment area
was mentioned

I mentioned in my 80 of yesterday
date that I considered the report
already sent from this office and
which may confirm the statement
that Colonel Bowen proposed
the Harwar-shaller project was
superior and I am sure of this

opinion I have been sent
you and Mr. Baldwin has
written to that effect that the
other papers with you you can
get a reply drafted at Myra or
else of you with the one papers
I will write the reply I cannot
do so on Mr. Baldwin's statement
without having your \$0.00
to corroborate what he says.

With reference to the other part
of your \$0.00 about the Shamaboy
tank you men are in view
for more information. Then I
close in my last \$0.00.

In Feb/92 the Co: has submitted
an estimate for \$7917 for im-
provements to the Shamaboy
feeder but Col. Bowen deferred
passing orders until the proposal
to measure the catchment area
of the tank has been investigated.
After inspection Colonel Bowen decides
that the idea of extending the feeder

Functions a. Lumber Room

for general use 5 to the
feeder. In addition to this an
estimate for No 618 was submitted
for some special improvement
and the work cannot end and
in Scotland's House that the feeder
was in better use than it has
been for years

In 1st April the water in Market
Tank was 76.10" & on 30th Sept 90.11"
the capacity between these levels
being 14.951 million cft during
that time 2.952 million cft was
run out to the distribution tank and
236 million to Millers tank so
that the net receipt from 2nd & 3rd mains
catchment was 17.139 million cft
the average consumption from the
Pharmaceutical Tank is 1.5 million
per month or 9 million for the

6 from the April to Sept end of this
2.952 million having been received
from Market reservoir; the balance
6.048 million represents the run off
from 1st Main catchment & in fact

With reference to your request
to the President 1 million of
the ^{late} let into the Shamaboy
mine from Turkey. This represents
a party for about 3 weeks.
I have advised Mr. Caldwell
to at once go on with the
grading, clearing, and so forth
the Shamaboy feeder, and
he says he thinks the work will
cost \$2,000 and he will
submit an estimate as soon
as possible.

Yours sincerely

J. M. Caldwell

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to S. S. 1892

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Place. T

Office of the Dewan of Mysore
Dated Camp Mysore, 31st Oct/92

No 22.

Mund H. 92
To

The Resident in Mysore

Sir,

Adverting to Residency letter

of 24 Oct 1892
No. $\frac{3424}{28.88A}$ and in ~~continuation~~

Confirmation of the refs thereto in P W Dept

letter No. $\frac{4730}{787}$ of 25 Idem,

I have the honor to inform you

that the allegation that Col.

Bowen prepared "the Hebrone
project for the Mysore Govt
for the use of the Petlak only"

is utterly without any foundation.

No such project in connection with
the Hebbal tank has even been investigated

~~And~~ I beg leave to observe
that from facts within your
own knowledge you will be
able to give an emphatic
contradiction of the insinuations contained
in ~~which~~ the memorial in question
~~contains~~ regarding Col. Bowen
Col Grant & the Durbar generally -

Yours

h 31.10.92

Mem H-92-9
Mysore. 31st Oct 1892

My Dear Sir,

I am sending you today a short
Official letter denying the allegations in
Memorial to the Viceroy regarding
an alleged libelous scheme for the
Petra only. I trust you will excuse me
for saying that I am naturally very
repugnant at the most outrageous libels
& misstatements it contains. There can
be little ~~doubt~~ doubt who was the
author of it, and I regard it as a
mean & base attempt on his part
to throw dirt at another Officer who

happened to differ from him
a professional matter & who
not now in a position to
himself

In regard to Col. Grant's action
in the matter you know it all even
than I do, and I send herewith
Grant's D.O. as probably it may help
to refresh yr memory.

I am investigating the history
on the Arkavati for the Patta-
will consider the Inayat by & by
the British Govt: not want it for

Carthage

4th Aug.

St. K. Sherbadiy.

St. P. D. Henderson C. S. I.

Resident in Mysore.

Memk-9210



Mysore.
31 Oct 92

My dear Col Campbell.

I return herewith 4 an note of
26 Oct. & Dors. of 28th & 29th relating
to the Residency Enquiry regarding an
alleged Hebbal ^{Project}, together with all other
papers with me. I have sent to the
Resident today the further reply ~~herewith~~
of which the draft is herein enclosed

I considered it necessary to send
this reply, merely because your letter
of the 25th Oct. to Asst. Resident
contained the qualification
"As far as this office is aware of". I find

these words in Mr. M. H. Hatching's hand.
Surely he ought to have known
better than to put in this
qualification. If he thought
more information required he
ought to have got it before
replying ~~it~~ or reference that
have been made to me. It ~~should~~
have been apparent that in
the cir^{cs} more value would be
attached to such a qualification
proceeding from the D.P.W. ~~the~~

it w. ordinarily have. Under
such case I considered a
further rep. necessary & have
accordingly sent it -

Yrs. very sincerely
K. K. K.

Separate memo regarding

~~Hege~~ Herakatté goes to go on today
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THE British Resident has placed the following paper at our disposal:—On the 5th October 1892, the Editor of the *Evening Mail* forwarded to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General a Memorial signed by a number of the residents, chiefly natives, of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, in which His Excellency was informed that the Municipality had learnt that Colonel Bowen, Royal Engineers, late Superintending Engineer in Mysore, had prepared the Hebbal-project for a supply of water for the Pettah; and that this action of the Mysore Durbar and its officials had deprived the Station of the most economical project for its water supply, and inflicted a loss of no less than 100 lakhs of rupees on the residents in the Station! The Memorial concluded with a prayer to His Excellency that the carrying out of General Fischer's project for the water supply of the Civil and Military Station namely "The Hebbal Scheme" may be sanctioned. This Memorial, which should have been submitted to His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General through the British Resident in Mysore, has been returned by the Foreign Office to the Resident. From inquiries made from the Mysore Durbar, Colonel Henderson has been informed that there is no truth in the statement that Colonel Bowen prepared the Hebbal project for a water supply for the Pettah."



Hyderabad Muz 4-92

Handwritten, 2nd. November 1902.

I am directed to acknowledge your letter of the 31st October 1902, and to say that the same has been referred to the Government of India, and you are informed that the allegations it contains have been investigated by the Government. The Government have also been informed that the allegations are not correct, and you are informed that the Government have no objection to the same.

I am to inform you that the Government have no objection to the same, and you are directed to inform your attention to a letter of the 1st November 1902, in which the Government have been informed that the allegations are not correct, and you are informed that the Government have no objection to the same.

Yours sincerely
Chancellor

JK

1, Hyderabad, 1st November 1902

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Letters to the Editor.

The Editor desires it to be distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.

BANGALORE WATER-SUPPLY.

SIR,—In April 1888, Colonel Bowen, R.E., requested through Dr. McGann to be allowed to have a copy of my original report and plan for the Hebbal project, who pledged his word of honor that these should not be used to my disadvantage in the matter of the prize. Mr. Standish-Lee, in his Prize Essay, quotes from my papers and could only have had access to them through Colonel Bowen. The papers have never been returned to me up to this date, and have been used in preparing my project for the Mysore Durbar, even to adopting the channel from the north which was originally proposed by me *alone*, for the Municipality of this station. It is now quite apparent how all the opposition to the Hebbal project was got up, just to suit the Durbar, and leave H. M.'s subjects and Troops exposed to any amount of expense and annoyance to get a water-supply at all. Already five years have been wholly wasted for this worthless project. Soon as Colonel Mullins' project was condemned by the Government of India, the Madras Government offered a reward of Rs. 1,000 to any one who could propose a better scheme. The Hebbal project sent to Lord Connemara at once, and as soon as Colonel Hastéd, R.E., saw it he came to Bangalore, wrote a Memo declaring no Water-supply was required for the place! The Resident, Sir H. Prendergast, persuaded the Municipality and the Government of India to put off the Hebbal project; and Colonel Bowen, sitting on Sir O. St. John's Committee, condemned this project for the C. and M. Station, and has now prepared it for the Pettah *only*, at the instance of the Dewan, leaving H. M.'s Troops and his fellow countrymen to get water in any way they can!

JNO. F. FISCHER,
General, R.E.

BANGALORE: October 20, 1892.



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Mysore Nov: 5. 1892.

My dear sir,

I was shown last night a copy of the Evening mail of the 3^d November, in which is published the Editor's letter to the First Assistant Resident challenging an enquiry before a commission and at the same time emphatically re-asserting his former libel against Col. Bowen and the Darbar in regard to the Hebbal Scheme. The Editor apparently believes that his own honesty of purpose in publishing such malicious concoctions would be presumed readily enough, if only he drew them out in sufficient detail and gave utterance to them in a voice sufficiently loud. habit has always been to treat what appears

in two or three local papers of the type with absolute contempt, under the belief that they can do no possible harm to any one, - as their character is so well known locally - But the libel in the present instance is designed to excite dissatisfaction on the part of the large population of the C. and M. Station towards H. H.'s Government, and I beg therefore that you will be so good as to take - adequate notice of its original publication - and of the subsequent persistence in it in spite of correction.

The scandal and misstatements of facts which the papers in question serve up with such system and assiduity, would - if directed against a private individual - have been stopped long since by a criminal prosecution

ution, but a Government is naturally
unwilling to appear as a Prosecutor against
newspapers scarcely known outside the Province,
and thus I believe is why they are emboldened
to continue unchecked in their course of
maligning and slandering.

yours sincerely
signed/ K. Sheshadri Iyer

To

Col: P. D. Henderson, C. S. I.,
Resident in Mysore.

THE WATER SUPPLY OF BANGALORE.

We place the following Memorandum which has been received from the Resident's Office, before our readers, and also our reply to the same. We shall take up the subject again in a future issue;—

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From
The *Evening Mail* Editor's Office,
Bangalore, 2nd Nov 1892.

To
The First Assistant to the
Resident of Mysore

SIR,—In reference to your Memorandum No. 3508—2338 of the 31st Oct. 1892, I have the honour to observe that the Memorial to the Viceroy and Governor-General of India of the 5th October last, complaining of Colonel Bowen R. E. having on several occasions, during his tenure of office here as Chief Engineer, D. P. W. condemned the Hebbal project, and that during his time the same had been worked out and prepared for the Pettah only, and that this must have been done with Colonel Bowen's knowledge and consent—the plans for this work have been seen, and also for the channel 10 ft wide and 10 ft deep from the north to bring in the drainage of twelve square miles as originally proposed by General Fischer to increase the catchment of the Hebbal tank. The contract for this work has also been offered to people here. Under these circumstances, I respectfully request the Memorial may be re-transmitted to the Viceroy and Governor-General of India with a copy of this letter, soliciting His Excellency to be good enough to appoint a Court of Enquiry to take evidence on both, which we are quite prepared to produce on our part.

I have the honor to be

Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

Evening Mail 13 1892
Letter to the Editor.

WATER FOR THE CITY

SIR,—It was with great pain that I read the appeal of the women in the City of Bangalore and every one knows that all that they have said is perfectly true. Their condition with regard to water is very much to be pitied, and the way in which you have noticed how some of the feeders have been put off to supply the garden of 'Eden' with water is very touching. Indeed you have done well in comparing the conduct of our Dewan to that of Nero as playing the fiddle when the people in the City are dying for want of water. Alas it is pitiable to see the tank in the state in which it is, whilst the tanks at a distance are all full. Although we have a Brahmin Dewan to administer the affairs of the State very yet under his nose, he allows the muddy water of the Dharmambudi Tank to be pumped by low caste men for the people to drink. It is considered very unholy to drink the water pumped by such men. The Brahmins who drink such water become liable to be polluted. Should this be recorded in the history of his Dewan'ship it will denote a very dark page in his career.

From the fact that the people have appealed to the Resident, and not to the Dewan, we much come to the conclusion that they think that it is no use appealing to him. We trust that the Resident will cause an enquiry to be made with regard to the disappearance of the water from the Dharmambudi Tank which is the life and soul of the City. As you very properly remark, the Sankey's Reservoir was built from the Revenues of the Mysore Province, and it therefore belongs to us. Besides, the reservoir will be of no use to the Civil and Military Station unless the water reaches a certain height. The British Resident who feels for the people of the City will be doing an act of great kindness if he were to recommend that the Sankey's Tank be made over to the City, recommending, of course, a separate scheme for the Civil and Military Station. If this were done the Dharmambudi Tank would always be full, then the people would always have plenty of water.

The British Government have been thinking about a scheme for the last 40 years at least, and Engineers after Engineers have been sent to submit a scheme, but nothing has come out of it at all. Bangalore is a station which contains many troops which have great difficulty in getting water. If the Government goes on like this it shews that it does not care for the lives of its soldiers. It is their own fault if they do not get water. Let us have our Sankey's Tank given over to us. Perhaps this would take time; in the meanwhile let the Dharmambudi Tank be filled with water by means of pipes laid down between the two tanks as much water is now lost in the open channel by running through which it gets dirty and muddy. If the tank is not filled by the time the Viceroy comes all the women in the City will shake off their seclusion, stand in the bed of the tank and cry out to the Governor that they are dying for want of water.

Yours,
A SUFFERER IN THE CITY.